market would be higher in view of the various distribution and marketing costs and retailers' margins involved The auction system is a platform for efficient price discovery mechanism and ensures competition amongst the buyers through a transparent bidding process.

Export of dairy products

†4345. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of dairy products during the last three years has shot up despite India holding marginal ranking in production of milk in the world;

(b) if so, the year-wise import of the same during the said period;

(c) the steps being taken for importing the same; and

(d) the names of the States leading in milk production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the provision of Livestock Importation Act, 1989, import of all livestock products including dairy products is allowed against the sanitary import permit after conducting the risk analysis.

(d) The States leading in milk production are Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

Foreign Trade Policy 2005-06

4346. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Foreign Trade Policy 2005-06;

(b) the export targets fixed for agriculture, textiles, gems and jewellary and marine products; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to achieve the export target fixed for these sectors?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.